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City of Bedford Officials Agree to Release Additional Records to the Media

BEDFORD, OHIO –(December 13, 2013) – City officials have notified the attorney for the Plain Dealer, in a letter sent by the City’s Assistant Law Director Mr. John Montello, the city “would defer to release the subpoenas in question in the spirit of public disclosure.” In Montello’s letter, he concluded “that the relevance of Criminal Rule 6 is unclear in its application as to Grand Jury subpoenas served on public entities such as the City of Bedford and the Court.” There is a disparity of opinions as to what can and cannot be released from both the attorney for the Plain Dealer and the County Prosecutor’s Office.

Hank Angelo, City Manager for Bedford, stated that while the city will comply, his concern has been that any release of documents should not impede or interfere with the ongoing investigation being conducted by both the Bedford Police Department and the County Prosecutor’s Office. Angelo agreed with the opinion of the Assistant Law Director and had already contacted the reporter for the Plain Dealer.

Angelo went on to ensure to “our Bedford residents that the city has been and will continue to be open with the investigators, and while we are saddened by this situation, we will continue to faithfully serve the residents of the City of Bedford.” Further he stated, “No matter the situation, our residents and the services we provide to them remain our main concern.”

“It is critical that the residents of Bedford trust the city officials that serve them,” said Mayor Dan Pocek. “We pledge to be open, honest and transparent through this entire process. The residents of Bedford can be assured that their city leaders will continue to work hard to maintain Bedford as a community in which we may all be proud.”

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ABOUT THE CITY OF BEDFORD

The City of Bedford, Ohio is located in Cuyahoga County. It is an eastern suburb of Cleveland and had a population of 13,074 at the 2010 census. Through its unique heritage, convenient location and commitment to innovation, the City of Bedford provides outstanding

opportunities for its residents as well as a welcoming environment for business.